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SUBJ: RECORD COCAINE BASE SEIZURES

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO HIGHLIGHT TO DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING RECORD
NARCOTICS SEIZURES IN PERU OVER PAST WEEKEND CARRIED OUT BY
PERUVIAN POLICE AND SUPPORTED BY DEA LIMA OFFICE.

2. SINCE JUNE, A SUSPECTED CLASS I PERUVIAN TRAFFICKER HAD
BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY DEA AND PIP. LAST WEEKEND HE
WAS ARRESTED WITH 6 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE AND 25 MILLION SOLES
IN HIS POSSESSION. HE PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A LARGE
SHIPMENT OF COCAINE IN THE PUCALLPA AREA. PERUVIAN POLICE
INVESTIGATED AND ARRESTED THE PUCALLPA CONTACTS, WHO LED
THEM TO A CLANDESTINE AIRFIELD WHERE A RECORD 497 KILOS OF
BASE WAS FOUND BURIED, AWAITING A FLIGHT FROM COLOMBIA.
FURTHER INVESTIGATION LED TO TINGO MARIA, WHERE A MAJOR LAB
WAS SEIZED AND MORE COCAINE BASE MAY BE FOUND AS A RESULT.
TINGO MARIA SUSPECTS REPORTED THAT THE LAB PROCESSED AS MUCH
AS A TON OF COCAINE BASE EACH MONTH OR TWO FOR SHIPMENT TO
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COLOMBIA. TO DATE, THESE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN THE
ARREST OF SOME 13 PERSONS (INCLUDING 4 CLASS I PERUVIAN AND
COLOMBIAN VIOLATORS) AND THE SEIZURE OF 503 KILOS OF BASE
AND ABOUT 55 MILLION SOLES (APPROXIMATELY \$300,000). THE COCAINE
BASE SEIZED IS VALUED AT ABOUT \$2.8 MILLION LOCALLY, OR,
CONVERTED TO HCL, WOULD BE WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$28 MILLION
AT CURRENT US WHOLESALE PRICES. ENTIRE INVESTIGATION, WHICH

HAD FULL SUPPORT OF PERUVIAN POLICE, WAS COORDINATED BY
DEA LIMA.

DECON 8/16/80. SHLAUDEMAN

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